

**GOLD MEDAL AWARD WINNERS**

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	<b>(Population 400,001 and over)</b>	<b>(Population 150,001 – 400,000)</b>	<b>(Population 75,001 – 150,000)</b>	<b>(Population 30,001 – 75,000)</b>	<b>(Population less than 30,000)</b>		
2017	Johnson County Park & Recreation District, Shawnee Mission,KS	Grand Prairie Parks, Arts & Recreation Department, Grand Prairie,TX	Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic & Cultural Affairs Department, Roswell, GA	Bismarck Parks and Recreation District, Bismarck, ND	Itasca Park District, Itasca, IL	Arizona State Parks	MCCS – Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC
2016	Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH	Cary Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Cary, NC	Allen Parks and Recreation Department, Allen, TX	Willamalane Park and Recreation District, Springfield, OR	Frankfort Square Park District, Frankfort, IL		USCG Base Kodiak, AK
2015	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Riverdale, MD	Plano Parks & Recreation, Plano, TX	City of St. George St. George, UT	Park District of Oak Park Oak Park, IL	Oak Brook Park District Oak Brook, IL	Delaware State Parks	Marine Corps Community Services, Marine Corps Installations West, Camp Pendleton, CA
2014	Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL	City of Henderson Henderson, NV	Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Carmel, IN	City of Kettering Kettering, OH	City of Lafayette Lafayette, CO		Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR), Naval Submarine Base,
	<b>(Population over 250,000)</b>	<b>(Population 100,000 – 250,000)</b>	<b>(Population 50,000 – 100,000)</b>	<b>(Population 20,000 – 50,000)</b>	<b>(Population less than 20,000)</b>		
2013	City of Long Beach Dept of Parks, Recreation and Marine Long Beach, CA	Round Rock Parks & Recreation Round Rock, TX	Waukegan Park District Waukegan, IL	City of Westerville Parks & Recreation Westerville, OH	Town of Erie Parks & Recreation Erie, CO	Florida State Parks	Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fort Knox, KY
2012	Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Charlotte, NC	Rockford Park District Rockford, IL	James City County Parks and Recreation Williamsburg, VA	Town of Castle Rock Parks and Recreation Castle Rock, CO	Durango Parks and Recreation Durango, CO		
2011	Portland Parks & Recreation Portland, OR	City of Lakewood Dept of Community Resources Lakewood, CO	City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Waukesha, WI	Town of Parker Parks & Recreation Parker, CO	City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Dept. Fairfax, VA	Michigan Department of Natural Resources	
2010	Fairfax County Park Authority Fairfax, VA	Pleasure Driveway & Park District of Peoria Peoria, IL	Lee’s Summit Parks & Recreation Lee’s Summit, MO	Gurnee Park District Gurnee, IL	City of Golden Parks & Recreation Dept Golden, CO		
2009	Milwaukee County Dept of Parks, Recreation & Culture Wauwatosa, WI	Fox Valley Park District Aurora, IL	Hoffman Estates Park District Hoffman Estates, IL	Lombard Park District Lombard, IL	Itasca Park District, IL Itasca	Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	

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2008	Gwinnett County Parks & Recreation Lawrenceville, GA	Grand Prairie Parks & Recreation Dept. Grand Prairie, TX	Canton Leisure Services Canton, MI	Carol Stream Park District Carol Stream, IL	Town of Herndon Parks & Recreation Herndon, VA		
2007	Cleveland Metropark Cleveland, OH	City of Westminster Dept of Parks, Recreation & Libraries Westminster, OH	City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation Bloomington, IN	City of Westerville Parks & Recreation Westerville, OH	Frankfort Square Park District Frankfort, IL	Tennessee State Parks	
2006	City of Long Beach Dept of Parks, Recreation & Marine Long Beach, CA	Tempe Parks & Recreation Dept Tempe, AZ	Bend Metro Park & Recreation District Bend, OR	Homewood – Flossmoor Park District Flossmoor, IL	Bloomington Park District Bloomington, IL		
2005	Saint Paul Parks and Recreation St. Paul, MN	Bellevue Parks and Community Services Department Bellevue, WA	Wheaton Park District Wheaton, IL	Town of Leesburg Department of Parks and Recreation Leesburg, VA	Lake Forest Parks and Recreation Lake Forest, IL	Florida State Parks	
2004	Austin Parks & Recreation Austin, TX	Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Tallahassee, FL	Schaumburg Park District Schaumburg, IL	Grand Junction Parks and Recreation Grand Junction, CO	Evans Parks and Recreation Evans, CO		
2003	Maryland National Capital Parks Riverdale, MD	City of Scottsdale Scottsdale, AZ	Denton Parks and Recreation Denton, TX	DeKalb Park District DeKalb, IL	Itasca Park District Itasca, IL	New York State Parks	
2002	Fairfax County Park Authority Fairfax, VA	Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department Greensboro, NC	Asheville Parks and Recreation Department Asheville, NC	Carol Stream Park District Carol Stream, IL	City of Lafayette Lafayette, CO		
2001	Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH	Pleasure Driveway and Park District of Peoria Peoria, IL	Arlington Heights Park District Arlington Heights, IL	City of Westerville Westerville, OH	Town of Herndon Herndon, VA	Virginia State Parks	
2000	City of Mesa Parks, Rec. and Cultural Division Mesa, AZ	Springfield-Green County Park Board Springfield, MO	City of North Richland Hills Park & Recreation Department North Richland Hills, TX	Roseville Parks & Recreation Department Roseville, MN	Town of Parker Dept. of Parks & Recreation Parker, CO		
1999	Lake County Forest Preserve District Libertyville, IL	City of Henderson Parks & Rec. Henderson, NV	City of Westminster Dept. of Parks, Rec & Lib. Westminster, CO	Bolingbrook Park District Bolingbrook, IL	Georgetown Parks Educ & Rec. Georgetown, TX	Florida State Parks	
1998	City of Long Beach, Dept. of Parks, Rec. & Marine Long Beach, CA	City of Chandler Comm. Svcs. Department Scottsdale, AZ	Champaign Park District Champaign, IL	St. Charles Park District St. Charles, IL	City of Commerce City Parks & Rec. Department Commerce City, CO		

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1997	Cincinnati Rec. Comm. Cincinnati, OH	City of Plano Parks & Rec. Plano, TX	Skokie Park District Skokie, IL	Germantown Parks & Rec. Germantown, TN	Channahon Park District Channahon, IL	Ohio State Parks	
1996	Ft. Worth Parks & Comm Svcs Ft. Worth, TX	So. Suburban Parks & Recreation District Littleton, CO	Wheaton Park District Wheaton, IL	Northbrook Park District Northbrook, IL	Leesburg Dept. of Parks & Recreation Leesburg, VA		
1995	Johnson Co. Park & Rec. Shawnee Mission, KS	City of Tempe Community Services Tempe, AZ	Schaumburg Park District Schaumburg, IL	Columbus Parks & Recreation Department Columbus, IN	City of Naples Naples, FL		
1994	Cleveland Metroparks Cleveland, OH	Park District of Peoria Peoria, IL	City of Kettering Kettering, OH	City of Rockville Rockville, MD	Louisville Parks & Recreation Louisville, CO		
1993	Metropolitan Dade County Parks & Recreation Department Miami, FL	City of Fort Lauderdale Parks & Recreation Department Fort Lauderdale, FL	Joliet Park District Joliet, IL	Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department Bismarck, ND	Alsip Park District Alsip, IL		
1992	City of Mesa Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Diversity Mesa, AZ	Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma Tacoma, WA	Arlington Heights Park District Arlington Heights, IL	Elmhurst Park District Elmhurst, IL	City of Brooklyn Department of Recreation Brooklyn, OH		
1991	Recreation & Park Commission Parish of East Baton Rouge Baton Rouge, LA	Foothills Recreation & Park District Lakewood, CO	Department of Parks, Recreation & Libraries Westminster, CO	Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Homewood, IL	Town of Herndon Parks & Recreation Department Herndon, VA		
1990	Broward County Parks & Recreation Division Oakland Park, FL	City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department Raleigh, NC	Champaign Park District Champaign, IL	Wheaton Park District Wheaton, IL	Wood Dale Park District Wood Dale, IL		
1989	Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Minneapolis, MN	Rockford Park District Rockford, IL	Santa Barbara Recreation Department Santa Barbara, CA	Loveland Parks & Recreation Loveland, CO	Palm Beach Gardens Department of Parks & Recreation Palm Beach Gardens, FL		
1988	Long Beach Parks & Recreation Long Beach, CA	South Suburban Parks & Recreation District Littleton, CO	Schaumburg Park District Schaumburg, IL	Kent Parks & Recreation Department Kent, WA	Lemont Township Park District Lemont, IL		
1987	Metro Dade County Parks & Recreation Miami, FL	Greensboro Parks & Recreation Greensboro, NC	Plano Parks & Recreation Plano, TX	Elk Grove Park District Elk Grove Village, IL	Carrollton Parks & Recreation Carrollton, GA		

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1986	City of Phoenix Phoenix, AZ	Foothills Recreation District Lakewood, CO	Fort Collins Parks & Recreation Fort Collins, CO	Willamalane Parks & Recreation Department Springfield, OR	Mountlake Parks & Recreation Mountlake Trce, WA		
1985	Dallas Parks Department Dallas, TX	Metro Park District Tacoma, WA	N. Jeffco Metro Arvada, CO	Denton Parks & Recreation Denton, TX	Deerfield Park District Deerfield, IL		
1984	Riverdale MD	Aurora, CO	Columbia, MO	Wheaton, IL	Sterling, IL		
1983	Annandale, VA	St. Petersburg, FL	Arlington Heights, IL	Downers Grove, IL	Casa Grande, AZ		
1982	Lake Worth, FL	Colorado Springs, CO	Scottsdale, AZ	Gaithersburg, MD	Eden Prairie, MN		
1981	San Antonio, TX	Ann Arbor, MI	Fox Valley Park Dist Aurora, IL	Brooklyn Park, MN	Herndon, VA		
1980	Honolulu, HI	Fort Wayne, IN	South Suburban Parks and Recreation Littleton, CO	Highland Park, IL	Bolingbrook, IL		
1979	Miami, FL	Greensboro, NC	Champaign, IL	Bellingham, WA	Plano, TX		
1978	San Jose, CA	Anaheim, CA	Mesa, AZ	Wilmette, IL	Wheeling, IL		
1977	Riverdale, MD *Special Category for Counties	Portsmouth, VA *Hennepin County Parks Maple Plain, MN	Kettering, OH	Glenview, IL	Sterling, IL		
1976	Nashville, TN	Raleigh, NC	Burbank, CA	Lockport, IL	North Platte, NE		
1975	Baton Rouge, LA	Huntington Beach, CA	Tempe, AZ	Vancouver, WA	Greenbelt, MD		
1974	Milwaukee, WI	Glendale, CA	Southfield, MI	New Hope, MN	Westerville, OH		
1973	Riverdale, MD	Bridgeport, CT	Aurora, CO	Oak Park, MI	Bexley, OH		
1972	Memphis, TN	Lincoln, NE	Downey, CA	Naperville, IL	Roseville, CA		
1971	Cincinnati, OH	Peoria, IL	Scottsdale, AZ	Placentia, CA	Edinburg, TX		
1970	WA State Parks & Rec. Comm	Madison, WI	Stockton, CA	Glenview, IL	Lewistown, ID		
1969	Columbus, OH	Hayward, CA	Eugene, OR	Hutchinson, KS	Brooklyn Park, MN		
1968	Phoenix, AZ	Austin, TX	Chula Vista, CA	Pittsburg, KS	Crescent City, CA		
1967	Wichita, KS Seattle, WA (tie)	Berkeley, CA	N. Jeffco R & P District Arvada, CO	Duarte, CA			

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1966	San Diego, CA	Oak Park, IL	Livingston, NJ	Bend, OR			